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of Mr. Arnold, after more than forty years' uninterrupted service. He held the office of Librarian during Mr. Ames's whole administration, and almost the whole of Mr. Langdell's, and his single-minded devotion to the interests of the School was not less than theirs. The present library is a monument to him, and its growth under his hands, from about fifteen thousand volumes when he was appointed, on August 7, 1872, to more than one hundred and fifty thousand at the date of his resignation, tells the story of his labors. The acquisition of the Dunn Library last year was a fitting termination to his life's work. At its meeting last June the Harvard Law School Association, to show the appreciation the alumni feel for the services rendered the school by Mr. Arnold, voted that his portrait be painted and presented to the Law School.

The School has been remarkably fortunate in the choice of Mr. Arnold's successor. Mr. Adams graduated from Harvard College in 1892 and from the Law School in 1897. During his course he greatly distinguished himself in scholarship, and was one of the editors of this Review. Afterward he practised in Boston, and in 1902-3 he lectured on Property in the Law School. He was chosen Librarian of the Social Law Library in 1909, and held that position till he accepted the call to succeed Mr. Arnold. He thus comes to his present work unusually equipped with legal and library experience.

THE LAW SCHOOL. — A number of important changes have been made in the curriculum of the Law School and in the arrangement of courses for this year. In order to qualify for a degree the members of the Third Year Class are required to be prepared for examination in six regular courses, instead of five, as in former years. One fourth-year course may be elected as a regular by third-year men. The course in Massachusetts Practice, given two years ago, will be repeated this year, under Mr. J. G. Palfrey, A.B., LL.B., who conducted it before. A course on Jurisprudence will be given by Professor Pound. This course will combine the half-year courses on Analytical Jurisprudence formerly conducted by Professor Beale, and Professor Pound's own lectures on the Theory of Law.

Owing to the deeply regretted resignation of Professor John Chipman Gray, a new arrangement of lecturers for the second and third year courses in Property was necessary. Mr. Charles F. Dutch, who has formerly been lecturer on Admiralty, and taught Equity III for one year, will give the third-year course on Property, and the division of second-year Property relating to Conveyances *inter vivos*. The position of lecturer on Wills, left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Roland Gray, will be taken by Professor Joseph Warren. Quasi-Contracts will be given by Assistant Professor Scott. Mining Law will be conducted by Mr. E. G. Davis, A.B., LL.B., a member of the Boston Bar, who gave the course in 1909-10. Mr. Lucius Ward Bannister, A.B., LL.B., will teach Water Rights, a half-year extra course in the second term. Mr. Bannister is a member of the Denver Bar and has been lecturer on Water Rights in the Denver Law School.

It is very pleasant to be able to congratulate Professor Joseph Henry Beale, A.M., LL.B., LL.D., who succeeds Professor Gray as Royall Professor of Law; Professor Roscoe Pound, Ph.D., LL.M., who has been appointed to the Carter Professorship of General Jurisprudence left vacant by Professor Beale; Professor Edward Warren, A.M., LL.B., who will now occupy the chair of Story Professor of Law, succeeding Professor Pound; and Professor Joseph Warren, A.B., LL.B., who has been appointed Professor of Law.

THE AMES COMPETITION. — Twenty-four law clubs have entered the competition this year. The rules governing the elimination tournament are substantially the same as in preceding years. Instead of money prizes, law books will hereafter be given to the successful clubs. An additional prize is offered for the best brief submitted in the competition. First and second prizes were won last year by the Beale and the Wyman Clubs respectively. It has been decided to change the rules of the competition next year, the purpose being to stimulate still more the interest in the work of the second-year clubs. The competition will extend over two years instead of being concluded in one. Each second-year club entering will meet a certain number of other clubs, and a limited number having the best record will argue the final rounds in the third year. The rules for next year will be announced later in more detail. The Board of Student Advisers who have charge of the competition this year is composed of Harvey H. Bundy, Chairman, Albert M. Cristy, Joseph J. Daniels, C. Pascal Franchot, George K. Gardner, Herbert F. Goodrich, John S. Miller, Jr., Herman E. Riddell.

THE LORD HIGH CHANCELLOR AND THE GREAT SEAL. — In order to attend the meeting of the American Bar Association in Montreal, Lord Haldane, the Lord High Chancellor of England, had to put the Great Seal in commission. This consists in the appointment of three commissioners who are entrusted for the time being with the actual custody of the Seal and some of the important duties of the Chancellor. The placing of the Seal in commission was not a new thing. But the fact that Lord Haldane did this and at the same time retained his position as Lord High Chancellor did constitute an innovation. Never before apparently has the *Clavis Regni* been put in commission by a chancellor who continued in office. Lord Haldane has therefore established a precedent. Unlike his predecessors Wolsey and Brougham, his departure from tradition has been fully approved and commended by the King.

The custody of the Great Seal and of the king's conscience has seemed such an important function in England in times gone by that down to 1830 no chancellor, with the exception of Cardinal Wolsey, ever dared to leave the kingdom during his tenure of office. In fact, as Lord Haldane pointed out in his address at Montreal, Cardinal Wolsey almost lost his head for an unpermitted journey to Calais. In 1830 Lord Brougham took his place on the woolsack, and a year or two later aroused much